

Opening Statement

The Honorable George Radanovich

Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands

Hearing on H.R. 2234 and H.R. 2238

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Good afternoon and welcome to the hearing today. The Subcommittee will come to order. This afternoon, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands will hear testimony on two bills - H.R. 2234 and H.R. 2238.

Our first bill, H.R. 2234, introduced by Congressman Ed Pastor of Arizona, would expand the boundary of the Tu-ma-cacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona to include approximately 310 acres of land adjacent to the park. The boundary expansion would allow the Park Service to replant the mission orchard and add a program with livestock and farming, as well as develop more of the Juan Bautista de Anz National Historic Trail.

Our second bill, H.R. 2238, introduced by Congressman Harold Rogers of Kentucky, would permit the Secretary of the Interior to purchase Fern Lake and the surrounding watershed in Tennessee and Kentucky for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. The boundary expansion would allow the National Park Service to preserve the important Fern Lake watershed as well as ensure that the water supply for the city of Middlesboro, Kentucky, is protected for generations to come.

At this time, I would like to ask unanimous consent that Congressman Pastor and Congressman Rogers be permitted to sit on the dias following their statements. Without objection, so ordered.

I would like to thank all of our witnesses for being here today to testify on these bills and now turn the time over to Mrs. Christensen.

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